(b) Government has issued guidelines on distribution of soda ash in July, 1985 and had been monitoring supply of soda ash according to these only.

(c) Some complaints were received by the Government.

(d) to (f) The All India Silicate Manufacturers' Association had informed the Government that M/s. Tata Chemicals had shown favouritism in allotting soda ash. According to the concerned company, however, the discrepancies pointed out related to the periods prior to the issuance of guidelines, by the Government, for the supply of soda ash. This position was made known to the said Association.

Out-of-turn allotment of telephone connections

6. SHRI (MOLANA) ASRARUL HAQ : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times', dated the 2nd April, 1986 to the effect that about 1900 letters have been sent by Members of Parliment for the sanction of out-of-turn telephone connections on priority basis in the year 1985-86 and out of which only 157 connections have been sanctioned by Government so far;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not granting telephone connections to the rest of the subscribers whose cases have been recommended by Members of Parliament; and

(c) by when the rest of the connections are proposed to be released, areawise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reason is constraints on availability of exchange capacity.

(c) The rest of the connections will be provided when their turn in the waiting list of the concerned telephone exchange matures.

Releasing new telephone connections

7. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new telephone connections in the general category which are likely to be released during the year 1986 from Janpath and Rajpath Telephone Exchanges; and

(b) by when these connections are likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) New telephone connections are not expected to be released in 'General' category in Janpath and Rajpath telephone exchanges in Delhi in 1986.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

Production of Chloroquin Tablets

8. SHRI NAND KISHORE BHATT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the companies who are producing Chloroquin tablets, an anti-malarial drug;

(b) what is the licenced capacity of each and what was the production of each during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) what was the shortfall between the production and requirement year-wise; and

(d) what was the quantity of this drug imported during the last three years, year-wise?